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Barre Town Recreation Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, starting at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in Conference Room #3 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board Members Present: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Carol Hebert, Annette Neddo, Stacey Lynds (remotely), and Amanda Gray (remotely). Also present at the meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Recreation Director Johnny Crossley, Maintenance Supervisor Dwight Coffrin, and guest Jackie Jancaitis (remotely) representing Central Vermont Runners.

1. Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:05pm (there were technical difficulties activating the camera for Microsoft Teams, thus the Board was only able to provide audio, but not a visual for the meeting).
2. David Rouleau made a motion to move agenda item #8 to right after agenda item #3. Carol Hebert seconded the motion, which the Board voted in favor 6-0. David Rouleau made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. Annette Neddo seconded the motion, to which the Board approved of the Agenda unanimously.
3. David Rouleau made a motion to approve of the Recreation Board meeting minutes from September 12, 2022 (the Board's October 3rd meeting was cancelled due to there being no quorum). Carol Hebert seconded the motion. The Board approved of the September 12th meeting minutes 6-0.
4. **Central Vermont Runners:** Jackie Jancaitis, representing Central Vermont Runners, appeared before the Board to request use of the Town Forest and parking lot at 44 Brook Street on February 11, 2023 to host the "Millstone Madness Snowshoe Race 5k." The event takes place from 10:00am – Noon and will not close off the Forest to other users. Fire Chief Chris Violette has preapproved a small campfire for the event. Weather Contingencies: 1. The event is dependent on a reasonable amount of snow coverage; 2. If there is not ample snow coverage the Millstone Trails Association will determine if one of their hard packed groomed trails will be usable for the event; 3. If there is not proper snow coverage the event would need to be cancelled. David Rouleau made a motion to approve of the event. Annette Neddo seconded the motion. The Board approved of the event unanimously 6-0.
5. **Introduction of Recreation Director Johnny Crossley:** The Town of Barre's newly hired Recreation Director Johnny Crossley, attending his first Recreation Board Meeting, spoke to the Board. Johnny expressed his gratitude to the Board for recognizing the need for creating his

position and thanked everyone for their voluntary efforts to the community. Johnny briefly spoke on some of his ambitions for the Recreation Department, including, but not limited to: revamping the outward projection of the Recreation Department page on the town website, streamlining field reservations, continuing to build on the success of movie nights, creating children's craft days, acquiring grant funding for recreation projects, and planning capital improvement projects in 2-3 and/or 3-5 year periods.

6. **Receive Guests (Non-Agenda):** There were no guest comments, at this time.

7. **Dwight Coffrin's Maintenance Report:** Dwight Coffrin shared his Final Maintenance Report with the Recreation Board. Dwight spoke on work performed by himself and the Recreation Crew throughout this year. In addition, Dwight reviewed the changes in conditions to the Recreational Facilities that he has overseen for the last eight years.

8. **Retro Approve Oct 30th Reservation:** The Board did not meet in October. David Rouleau made a motion to retroactively approve of the reservation at the East Barre Park and Playground for a "Trunk or Treat" event that was hosted by Mikaela Townsend on October 30th from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Carol Hebert seconded the motion. Board approved 6-0.

9. **Resignation and Subsequent Board Vacancy:** Recreation Board member Tyler Morse has resigned from the Recreation Board. Town Manager Rogers informed the Board that he made a posting on Front Page Forum advertising the vacancy on the Recreation Board. Applicants have until Noon on Wednesday, November 23rd to email a letter of interest. Letters received by this date and time will be considered during the November 29th Selectboard meeting.

10. **Discuss '23-'24 budget:** Recreation Director Crossley included this agenda item to advise the Board to start considering items for the upcoming budget, which is due in January. Chairman Farnham requested a copy of the current budget to reference. Director Crossley agreed to email the Board members a copy of the current budget. The Board agreed to take the time until next month's meeting on Monday, December 5th to create a "wish list" of items for the '23-24 budget. Addressing these items will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

11. **Discuss Recreational Offerings:** Director Crossley included this agenda item to open the conversation of what constitutes recreation, as defined by each Board Member. Chairman Farnham explained that normally this agenda item would be considered "Round The Table," and is the way in which the Board wraps up their thoughts at the end of a meeting. Manager Rogers expressed to Director Crossley that he can utilize old meeting Agendas for reference while creating an Agenda for December. Chairman Farnham asked that Director Crossley end next meeting's Agenda with the following chronology: "Other Business," "Round the Table," and "Adjourn." Since there was no agenda item labeled "Round the Table," The Board performed a 'Round the Table under the "Discuss Recreational Offerings" Agenda item.

Chairman Farnham made a request that the Board update the reservation forms at the next meeting. Amanda Gray asked to discuss Winter offerings at the next meeting. Carol Hebert suggested we discuss hosting an indoor movie night at the next meeting; possibly schedule in line with the Kid's Winter break in February. David Rouleau mentioned a town resident discovered something sticky on three of the granite benches along the Millstone Hill West Bike Path. Director Crossley stated he would address the benches during work hours tomorrow. David Rouleau made a motion to reimburse Carol Hebert for the Dessert social and submitted a receipt. Annette Neddo seconded the motion. Board approved 6-0. Chairman Farnham advised the Board that another Softball League approached him with interest in using the field after the Summer Leagues. In addition, Chairman Farnham suggested a meeting with Barre Community Baseball before the budget to determine how to spend the \$5,000.00 donation and how to budget for restoration of the Little League Field.

At 7:17pm David rouleau made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Gray seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Recreation Board/Signatures:








